PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for discharge/reuse permit # NEV2003507 from the following applicant:

Las Vegas Valley Water District 1001 S. Valley View Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89153

In May 2005, the applicant plans to open to the public the Las Vegas Springs Preserve Desert Living Center, located at 391 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. The Desert Living Center will educate the public in water conservation practices, which include an on-site demonstration of a domestic (sanitary) wastewater treatment and reuse facility. Domestic wastewater will be generated in the center's restrooms and garden support facilities. The Center proposes to treat the wastewater in an 8,400 gallon per day treatment plant consisting of primary settling tanks, constructed wetland cells, recirculating sand biofilter and ultra-violet (UV) light disinfection processes. The Division has regulatory authority under the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to permit the tertiary-treated, UV-disinfected effluent to be reused on-site for sub-surface drip irrigation of the Center's ornamental landscaping (e.g., trees and bushes). The Division has made the tentative determination to issue the proposed discharge/reuse permit to the Permittee for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on September 9, 2003, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424 (e-mail: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the interested reader can view a copy of this facility's Fact Sheet at the following website address: http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm